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MEDICAL PRACTICE IN ILLINOIS

P/ The Illinois State Medical Society has published (1955) Vol. 2 of History of Medical Practice in Illinois, dealing with the period from 1850-1900. The editor is the late David J. Davis, and the chapters on various phases of medical and surgical practice are by different authors. Chapter XVI "Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery" by Frederick W. Merrifield and Walter W. Dalitsch will appeal to the oral surgeon. Volume 1 of the work, covering the period to 1850, edited by Lucius H. Zeuch, was published in 1927.

HALF CENTURY CELEBRATION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

P/ The October 1955 issue of the Bulletin of the Monmouth County (New Jersey) Dental Society is devoted to the fiftieth anniversary celebration of that organization. The Bulletin contains a historical sketch of the Society. Among the biographies given is that of the dental historian Bernhard Wolf Weinberger, who as principal speaker on the anniversary program, October 7, 1955, addressed the Society on "Organized Dentistry: Its Achievements."

DENTAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY IN WORLD WAR II.

P/ The Medical Department of the United States Army has published (1955) United States Army Dental Service in World War II by George F. Jeffcott, Col. DC USA. This work of 362 pages deals with all aspects and activities of the Dental Corps, to some extent before 1941 and throughout the war until 1947.

THE EARLIEST GERMAN DENTAL CLINIC

P/ An account of the private clinic of Heinrich Albrecht, in Berlin, the first in Germany, is given by Karl Frz. Hoffmann in Zahnärtzliche Praxis 6:12 September 15, 1955, under the title "Bilder aus einer Zahnklinik vor 100 Jahren." Albrecht published in 1862, Klinik der Mundkrankheiten Erster Bericht 1855-1860. During that period, the clinic served 9350 patients. The opinions of patients with regard to their treatment were included.

FIRST DENTAL JOURNAL IN CUBA

P/ Dr. Erastus Wilson, a dentist from the United States, issued the first dental journal in Cuba. This claim is substantiated in an article by Cesar Mena Serra, entitled "La Primera Revista Dental de Cuba," in Protesis Clinica 16:3-4 August, 1955. The Journal was Revista Medico-Quirurgica y

Dentistica, founded in 1868. No copy of the journal appears to be available and the duration of its publication is unknown. The editor and publisher, Erastus Wilson, whose portrait is reproduced in the article, was a scientific minded man who had written several articles for the American dental press, and at one time (1859) was on the faculty of the New York Preparatory School of Medicine. The journal is perhaps the earliest in Latin-America.

ODONTOIATRIC INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
P/ A comprehensive account of the work of the Odontoiatric Institute of the University of Pavia with exhaustive bibliography from the years 1924-1955 ("Attivita scientifica e didattica svolta dall' Istituto di Odontoiatria dell' Universita degli studi di Pavia nel trentennio dall' anno accademico 1924-1925 al 1954-1955") is given in Rassegna Trimestrale di Odontoiatria 36:163-257 July-September, 1955.

HOW OLD IS THE TOOTHBRUSH?
P/ An article by Hansjörg Kötzchke in Zahnärztliche Praxis (6:12 Oct. 15, 1955) entitled "Wie alt ist die Zahnbürste?" contributes to a question previously discussed in the Bulletin. This author ascribes the earliest mention of a toothbrush in Germany to Cornelius van Soolingen in 1676.

TREATMENT OF PULP DISEASE
P/ In a small book (1953) entitled Die Behandlung der Pulpakrankheiten einst und jetzt (The Treatment of Pulp Diseases Then and Now), Dr. Ernst Kraus devotes pages 11 to 74 to an account of the conservative treatment resources for the pulp from 1756 to date.

JOHN RANKIN BROWNLIE
P/ For the 28th in her series, "Personalities of the Past" Lilian Lindsay has chosen John Rankin Brownlie (British D. J. 99:238 Oct. 4, 1955)

DANISH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF EARLY DENTAL WORKS
P/ Tandlaegebladet (59:632-633, Sept. 1955) gives a review of Hedvig Lidforss Strömgren's Index of Dental and Adjacent Topics in Medical and Surgical Works before 1800, Library Research Monographs, Vol. 4, published by the University Library, Copenhagen, Scientific and Medical Department. (E. Munkegaard Copenhagen 1955?) A useful review of this work in English by B. W. Weinberger appears in the New York Journal of Dentistry (25:344-345 Nov. 1955)

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